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President's Message

The power of quilters was once again demonstrated when Mother Nature dealt us a blow (well a big blow) by knocking out power at the Garden Center the day before our March Meeting. A lot of quick action and phone calls on Wednesday morning kept many members from showing up to a dark building. Led by Gale Green and many amazing members, a phone tree saved many the drive. The saddest part was that the Alice Love Event sponsored by Wanna Bees was canceled too. We will be hearing at the April meeting what the Wanna Bees plans are to hold a charity function in honor of Alice Lam.

The annual Open House at the Garden Center is April 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a free community event that promotes the clubs and their members who are selling plants and crafts. We need four volunteers to bring a couple of quilts, or table runner or anything that has been quilted, to show visitors what we do. We promote the guild and share membership information. We need two people from 9:30 to 12:30 and two people from 12:30 to 3:30. Call me if you can help, 650 560-0083.

In the tidbit corner, I wanted to share that the Textile Art Council sponsors a monthly lecture at the de Young Museum. There is also a zoom option if you don't want to drive to San Francisco. For non-members the cost is \$10. The lecture is on Saturday, April 15. Nancy Bavor will present The California Art Quilt Revolution: From the Summer of Love to the New Millennium. To learn more, go their website: <https://www.textileartscouncil.org/>

Happy Spring,

~Sandy Kelly, president

PQ Calendar

April 5	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
April 19	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Challenge Vote (no speaker)
May 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
May 17	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Jennifer Sampou - "Light Your Ombre Fire"
May 17	Wed	Noon-5 p.m.	Workshop: Jennifer Sampou - "Modern Madras Table Runner"



Outreach Scorecard

	February	March
Bundles of Joy	14	6
LifeMoves	23	8

Let's keep these generous and much-appreciated donations coming! Baby quilts should be minimum 30" and maximum of 45" on a side. LifeMoves quilts should be approximately 65" x 80".

-- Julie Curry, Outreach Coordinator



Mills Peninsula Hospital Nurses Appreciation Week

We have been approached again by the Chaplain at Mills Peninsula for donations for the Nurses appreciation event, May 6-9. Peninsula Quilters was well represented last year, and I'm hoping you will be willing to part with a quilt or two again this year. Our deadline to deliver our donations is May 4 in order to give Irene time to hang them on May 5.

It doesn't necessarily need to be a quilt; it could be a table runner, placemats, wall hanging, any fiber art you are willing to donate. Please bring your items to the April meeting or get in touch with Holly Colgan or Connie Bowles to arrange a pick up. If there is someone else who would like to volunteer their time to collect items, please let us know.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

~Connie Bowles & Holly Colgan

Upcoming Speakers: 2023

April 19: Challenge (no speaker)

May 16: Jennifer Sampou - "Light Your Ombre Fire"

June 21: Sheila Frampton Cooper - "Spontaneous Creation and Inspiration"

July 19: Mel Beach - "Fun and Games in Quilting"

August 16: "President's Choice"

Upcoming Workshops: 2023

Class: **Modern Madras Table Runner**

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2023

Time: Noon-5 p.m., following the Guild meeting

Location: San Mateo Garden Center, San Mateo

Instructor: Jennifer Sampou from Orinda, CA

Website: www.jennifersampou.com

JENNIFER SAMPOU comes to us from Orinda, CA teaching **Modern Madras Table Runner**. Read about Jennifer's awards and publications at www.jennifersampou.com



Modern Madras Table Runner is the best project for new ombre enthusiasts because it just uses 3 Ombre SKY fabrics per side. It's a reversible table runner that is easy to make due to simple piecing and comes together quickly. Students get to focus more on the



color and less on construction. Bonus learning golden nugget is that Jennifer teaches in depth how to matchstick quilt which gives this textile fabulous texture. And it's great as a piece on the back of a couch or bottom of the bed. Not just a table runner! Students consistently give this class a **Five Star** review. You can use your own ombre fabrics or purchase Jennifer's ombre fabrics or a class kit on her website. It is suggested that you purchase her book that contains the pattern but it is not mandatory. A discount code and supply list will be provided when you sign up for this fun workshop. Jennifer will be at Asilomar in May 2023!

PQ 2023 April Challenge: *Stars!!*

The only way to get a Wanda Ribbon is to enter a quilt in the challenge. Just sayin'. We're closing in on the deadline but any size will do it, so you can even just make a placemat! (I have one more FQ left; actually, it's not quite a FQ since it's 17"x22".)

* Quilts delivered to Jess Millikan by **April 5**. (Or contact me and I'll pick up your quilt from you.)

* Deadline for electronic voting for those unable to attend the meeting is April 17.

* Quilts displayed, and winners selected at the General Meeting: April 19.

All entrants will receive a "Wanda Ribbon." You'll vote for your favorite quilts, considering creativity, workmanship and anything else that you value. The first-, second- and third-

place finishers will receive goodie bags and gift certificates for the PQ Workshop of their choice.

~Jess Millikan



Member Profile: Phyllis Obley and Joann Dunbar

Peninsula Quilters Guild has its own mother-daughter quilting team. **Phyllis Obley**, whom many call "mom," and **Joann Dunbar** quilt together, attend quilt classes and retreats together, participate in a guild activities together, and since the early 2000s live together. When asked for this interview, they both said they had nothing to say but during our conversation told a lot of stories and provided several chuckles.

Phyllis was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and grew up in several other places there and in nearby states because her father moved for his job as a bridge building engineer. When she was 20, she married and moved to San Francisco to be nearer her husband who was stationed in Hawaii while serving in WWII. After the war, they decided the area was a good place for them, first in San Francisco and then in San Mateo. They raised their two children, a boy and a girl. As of now, she has 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joann Dunbar, her daughter, was born in San Francisco and remained in northern California all her life. She has three children, three stepchildren, and also raised grandchildren and nieces. The numbers are hard to calculate. Many P.Q. members are most familiar with Tammy, a granddaughter, who used to come to meetings and class with her, and recently performed in the high school production of Cinderella.

Phyllis' entrance into the quilting world was a bit unusual. She had always loved dolls, so started making porcelain dolls, dressing them, displaying them. She has them on shelves and bookcases throughout the house and in her room. She still has many --some completed, some waiting to be strung, some needing wigs, some needing dressing. Wouldn't it be great to have a show for the guild? In the mid-'80s, she decided to branch out from doll making and make a stuffed bear for Joann. She saw one in Laurel Leaf and went in for the pattern. All the gorgeous material lured her into the quilting world and she made her first quilt.

Joann saw what her mother was doing and wanted to join in on the fun. They made a rag quilt with Bev Stookey and then saw the pattern for X's and O's quilt. Quilt classes, quilt camps, quilt retreats followed. They most like traditional quilts and Phyllis now makes mostly baby quilts. In addition to the quilts Phyllis has stacked in her room, they've made quilts for family and friends and for various charities including an orphanage in the Congo (pre-COVID). A pair of quite productive quilters!

The final note is that on May 1 this year Phyllis will celebrate her 99th birthday! Let's rejoice with her.

~Mavourneen Lopez



New members: Jessica Bernhardt and Sydney Fisher

Jessica Bernhardt, a retired technical writer, began sewing and making doll clothing around the age of 5. Her mother, though mostly an embroiderer, taught her to sew. When Jessica was in her 30s she saw a quilt show at the Museum of American Crafts in New York. Though she didn't begin quilting until later, this show was where she decided making quilts was what she wanted to do. Jessica designs her own

patterns mixing techniques. She does all of the work from beginning to end herself. A former member of the Santa Clara guild, Jessica is very interested in our philanthropic efforts.

Sydney Fisher's father was a boy with three sisters who taught him to sew. Sydney's mother didn't sew. Her father taught her to sew! Sydney began quilting as an adult mainly making baby quilts for her friends' grandchildren. She was an engineer and product manager before retirement. She loves the geometric components of pieced quilts, especially log cabin and star quilts. Sydney heard about the guild at a baby shower and came to the birthday party meeting.

~Angi Merlone

Spring Delight

PLANT SALE & CRAFT FAIR

OPEN HOUSE AND GARDEN SHOP ANNUAL SALE

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023
10 AM - 3 PM

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- Orchids
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SOCIAL CLUBS

- San Mateo Rose Society
- Floral Artists of the Bay Area
- Garden Study Club
- Peninsula Quilters
- and more!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403
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San Jose Museum of
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408-971-0323

www.sjqiltmuseum.org

Open Wed-Fri 12pm-5pm, Sat-Sun 11am-5pm,
and 12-9pm on the first Friday of every month

Through April 16, 2023: Quilt National '21, a juried biennial exhibition featuring the best of Contemporary Quilts. Organized by The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio. Showcases new works, selected by the jury of Nancy Bavor, Brigette Kopp and Karen Schulz (Main Galleries)

*Kit Vincent, Fracas
Hand-painted, hand-dyed cotton and silk
Machine pieced and appliquéd*



March 1-April 28, 2023, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.: **Fabric, Thread & Woven** showcases and celebrates the strong community of local artists working in the textile and fiber art mediums. This is a juried exhibition in the San Mateo County Government Center Caldwell Gallery, (Main Floor, 400 County Center, Redwood City) presenting a distinct approach to innovative and traditional fiber and textile techniques, and a contemporary concept for the use of traditional and unusual materials. The chosen work invites the viewer to experience the many facets of fiber and textile art.

www.smcgov.org/ceo/fabric-thread-woven-group-textile-art-exhibition

Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County presents the 37th Annual "Springtime in the Pines" Quilt Show 2023 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. Admission is \$10 for one day, \$15 for two day; free parking. Featured quilter is Lorna Straka. The show includes vendors, Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, Country Store, Opportunity Quilt by award-winning quilter Myrna Raglin. For information, visit www.pinetreequiltguild.com

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